

FILE COPY Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: October 13, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 13, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting row crops. Farmers used the excellent weather to finish planting winter grasses and make progress in harvesting. Soil moisture is 4 percent very short, 23 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	96	94	99	89	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton	Open Bolls	100	99	100	98	2	6	27	53	12
	Harvested	66	49	73	51					
Rice	Mature	100	96	100	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Harvested	98	87	99	84					
Sorghum	Harvested	95	91	99	94	---	---	---	---	---
	Silage Harvested	98	94	100	---					
Soybeans	Turning Color	96	93	97	94	1	6	29	54	10
	Shedding Leaves	83	72	87	74					
	Harvested	53	31	57	35					
Wheat	Planted	36	15	25	22	---	---	---	---	---
Peanuts	Harvested	91	75	93	93	---	---	---	---	---
Pecans	Harvested	5	2	2	7	15	17	28	38	2
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	70	65	76	70	---	---	7	67	26
Cattle						2	5	26	59	8
Pasture						2	8	32	54	4

County Agent Comments

"Good weather allowed all farmers to make considerable harvest progress this week. Cotton yields are good and scrapping will be the best in ten years. Storage has become a problem for the huge sweet potato crop. Weaned calves are lighter this year - suspect poor forage quality in the spring as contributing factor. More than normal ryegrass planting is underway this fall."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Planting of winter pastures by overseeding should be completed over the next week or so. Pastures planted on a prepared seedbed look great but could use a rain soon. Hay harvest is drawing to a close."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"Early planted ryegrass is up and growing well. Primary insects in winter annuals are pigmy crickets and mole crickets. Producers are scrambling to get in the last cutting of hay."

— Clayton Rouse, Lamar County

"Recent cool, dry weather has encouraged ryegrass growth in most areas. Dairy cattle are responding to the decrease in temperature."

— Patrick Poindexter, Pike County

"Entire county needs a nice, slow two inch rain to replenish soil moisture. Recently planted cool season grasses and small grains desperately need rain for adequate germination and growth. Summer grass hay harvesting continues as producers try to accumulate as much hay as they possibly can for winter feeding."

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

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Weather Summary From October 7, 1996 to October 13, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale						0.04	-0.77	2	1.85				0.17
Cleveland	80	38	61			0.00		0	3.26				
Tunica	78	36	58	64	-6	0.10	-0.67	1	4.83	75	62	68	
Extreme/Average	80	36	60	64	-5	0.05	-0.74	1	3.25	75	62	68	0.17
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs						0.02	-0.83	1	4.50				0.12
Memphis	78	34	58	66	-8	0.12	-0.40	1	4.28				
Oxford	80	37	60	63	-3	0.00	-1.03	0	5.58				
Extreme/Average	80	34	59	64	-5	0.05	-0.75	1	4.99				0.12
3. Northeast													
Booneville	76	41	58	63	-5	0.00	-0.84	0	5.09				
Corinth	79	38	59	64	-5	0.00	-0.73	0	3.53				
Iuka	76	34	55			0.00		0	3.08				
Pontotoc	77	39	59	64	-5	0.00	-0.85	0	5.33	74	62	65	0.14
Tupelo	76	40	58	64	-6	0.01	-0.95	1	5.18				
Verona	78	41	61			0.00		0	4.69	79	60	69	0.14
Extreme/Average	79	34	58	64	-5	0.00	-0.85	0	4.48	79	62	67	0.14
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	82	45	65	66	-1	0.00	-1.01	0	3.61	83	66	75	
Greenwood	82	43	62	66	-5	0.00	-1.14	0	1.68				
Rolling Fork	79	43	63			0.00	-0.95	0	4.93	87	68	78	0.16
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	82	45	64	68	-4	0.00	-1.13	0	2.10				
Extreme/Average	82	43	63	67	-3	0.00	-1.06	0	3.06	87	66	76	0.16
5. Central													
Carthage	79	39	60	65	-5	0.00	-0.81	0	1.55				
Jackson	79	41	60	67	-7	0.01	-0.88	1	1.33				
Winona													
Extreme/Average	79	39	60	66	-6	0.01	-0.74	1	1.44				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville													
Columbus	75	41	59			0.02		1	1.96				
State University	78	42	62	65	-3	0.03	-0.70	1	2.57	96	58	68	
Extreme/Average	78	41	60	65	-5	0.03	-0.70	1	2.27	96	58	68	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	80	45	63			0.00		0	4.02	78	65	72	
Natchez	78	42	62	70	-8	0.02	-0.99	1	6.07				
Oakley	79	40	62			0.00	-0.75	0	2.99	79	60	69	
Vicksburg	78	44	62			0.00		0	1.67				
Extreme/Average	80	40	62	70	-8	0.01	-0.87	0	3.69	79	60	70	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	79	43	63	69	-6	0.00	-0.55	0	2.53				
McComb	79	45	63	68	-6	0.00	-0.55	0	0.70				
Extreme/Average	79	43	63	68	-6	0.00	-0.55	0	1.62				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	80	45	64			0.22		1	1.14	83	61	70	
Hattiesburg	78	47	62	68	-6	0.36	-0.23	1	6.32				
Laurel													
Meridian	78	40	60	66	-6	0.00	-0.57	0	2.28				
Newton	79	39	61	67	-6	0.00	-0.88	0	3.73	74	52	63	0.12
Extreme/Average	80	39	62	67	-5	0.15	-0.43	1	3.37	83	52	67	0.12
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	81	45	64			0.09		1	2.82				
Biloxi	79	52	65			0.04		2	3.77				
Gulfport	81	52	67	71	-4	0.00	-0.68	0	1.86				
Pascagoula	79	49	64	73	-9	0.47	-0.32	2	4.92				
Poplarville													
Extreme/Average	81	45	65	72	-7	0.15	-0.59	1	3.34				
State	82	34	61	67	-6	0.05	-0.72	1	3.15	96	62	70	0.13

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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